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To: Jack Crompton

Subject: Lower Mainland LGA Call for Resolutions and Nominations

PLEASE INCLUDE THE EMAIL AND TWO ATTACHMENTS ON YOUR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Dear Lower Mainland LGA Member,

Please see the attached Call for Resolutions and Call for Nominations for our 2020 Annual General Meeting to be held from May 6 to 8, 2020 in beautiful Whistler, BC. Mark your calendars that registration for the conference opens on February 3, 2020.

Resolutions are due March 5, 2020

Nominations are due March 12, 2020

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Shannon

Shannon Story
Executive Director
Lower Mainland Local Government Association
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LOWER MAINLAND

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

TO: Mayor/Chair; Council/Board

FROM: Mayor Jack Crompton, Lower Mainland LGA President

DATE: January 6, 2020 (4 pages total)

RE: 2020 CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please include the following information on your next meeting agenda.

This circular is a notice of the Lower Mainland LGA Call for Resolutions.

The Lower Mainland LGA Convention and AGM will be held from May 6-8, 2020 in Whistler and we are **now accepting resolutions from the membership**. The deadline for receipt of your resolutions is **Thursday, March 5, 2020**.

We encourage Lower Mainland LGA members to submit their resolutions to the Lower Mainland LGA for debate, rather than submitting them to UBCM. This is also the process preferred by UBCM. Lower Mainland LGA endorsed resolutions on province-wide issues are submitted *automatically* to UBCM for consideration at the UBCM Convention. Resolutions received from the Lower Mainland LGA, and supported by our membership as a whole, tend to hold more weight than those that are submitted by individual communities.

DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions must be received in the LMLGA office by: **THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Resolutions submitted to the Lower Mainland LGA for consideration shall be submitted as follows:

- one copy of the resolution via email to the Lower Mainland LGA Executive Director Shannon Story at sstory@lmlga.ca with subject header "Resolution-title of your resolution" or, in the case of multiple resolutions, subject header "Resolution-X number enclosed";
- include a cover letter as an attachment outlining how many resolutions you have sent and the title of each resolution;
- each resolution should not contain more than two "whereas" clauses; and
- background documentation must accompany each resolution submitted, and should be labeled "Background-Name of Resolution".

You WILL receive an email notification that your resolution has been received within one week of receipt. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please call Shannon Story at 604-698-5753

Sponsors should be prepared to introduce their resolutions on the Convention floor.

LATE RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolutions submitted following the expiry of the regular deadline (March 5) shall be considered "Late Resolutions" and must comply with all other submission requirements. Please provide a copy of the late resolution as soon as possible to Shannon Story, Executive Director at sstory@lmlga.ca
2. Late resolutions shall be considered for discussion after all resolutions printed in the Resolutions Book have been debated.
3. Late resolutions are deemed to be appropriate for discussion only if the topic is such that it has arisen since or was not known prior to the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions.
4. Late resolutions cannot amend the constitution or bylaws of the Lower Mainland LGA.
5. Late resolutions must receive the approval of 2/3 of Voting Members in attendance at the annual general meeting to be considered.

SUBMIT RESOLUTIONS TO:

**Lower Mainland LGA
Attention: Shannon Story
PO Box 729
Pemberton, BC, V0N 2L0
Email: sstory@lmlga.ca
Phone: (604) 698-5753**

THE RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

1. Members submit their resolutions to Lower Mainland LGA for debate.
2. The Lower Mainland LGA submits the endorsed resolutions of provincial interest to UBCM.
3. The UBCM Resolution Committee reviews the resolutions submitted for consideration at the UBCM Convention.
4. Endorsed resolutions at the UBCM Convention are conveyed to the appropriate order of government, or relevant organization, for responses.
5. Once the responses have been conveyed to the UBCM they are forwarded to the sponsor for their review.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING RESOLUTIONS

The Construction of a Resolution:

All resolutions contain a preamble and enactment clause. The preamble describes *the issue* and the enactment clause outlines *the action being requested*. A resolution should answer the following three questions:

- What is the problem?
- What is causing the problem?

- What is the best way to solve the problem?

Preamble:

The preamble commences with a recital, or "WHEREAS", clause. This is a concise sentence about the nature of the problem or the reason for the request. It should clearly and briefly outline the reasons for the resolution.

The preamble should contain no more than two "WHEREAS" clauses. If explaining the problem requires more than two "WHEREAS" clauses, then provide supporting documents to describe the problem more fully. Do not add extra clauses.

Enactment Clause:

The enactment clause begins with the words "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED". It must convey the resolution's intent, and should propose a specific action by the Lower Mainland LGA.

Keep the enactment clause as short as possible, and clearly describe the action being requested. The wording should leave no doubt about the proposed action.

How to Draft a Resolution:

1. Address one specific subject in the text of the resolution.

Since your community seeks to influence attitudes and inspire action, limit the scope of a resolution to one specific subject or issue. Delegates will not support a resolution if the issues it addresses are too complex for them to understand quickly.

2. Use simple, action-oriented language and avoid ambiguous terms.

Explain the background briefly and state the desired action clearly. Delegates can then consider the resolution without having to struggle with complicated text or vague concepts.

3. Provide factual background information.

Even a carefully constructed resolution may not clearly indicate the problem or the action being requested. Where possible, provide factual background information to ensure that the "intent" of the resolution is understood.

Two types of background information help to clarify the "intent" of a resolution:

i Supplementary Memo:

A brief, one-page memo from the author, that outlines the background that led to the presentation and adoption of the resolution by the local government.

ii Council/Board Report:

A report on the subject matter, presented to council or board in conjunction with the resolution. If it is not possible to send the entire report, then extract the essential background information and submit it with the resolution.

Resolutions submitted without adequate background information will not be considered until the sponsor has been consulted and has provided documentation outlining the intent of the resolution.

4. Construct a brief, descriptive title.

A title assists to identify the intent of the resolution and eliminates the possibility of misinterpretation. It is usually drawn from the "enactment clause" of the resolution.

For ease of printing in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book and for clarity of intent, a title should be no more than three or four words.

5. Check legislative references for accuracy.

Where necessary, identify:

- the correct jurisdictional responsibility (e.g., ministry or department within the provincial or federal government)
- the correct legislation, including the name of the Act

6. Focus on issues that are relevant to all Lower Mainland members.

The issue identified in the resolution should be relevant to other local governments in the Lower Mainland LGA. This will support proper debate on the issue and assist Lower Mainland LGA or UBCM to represent your concern effectively to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all local governments.

7. Avoid repeat resolutions.

In the past, resolutions have come back year after year on the same topic. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to search the UBCM Resolutions database available through the website at www.ubcm.ca. Click on the “Resolutions and Policy” tab at the top of the page. It will be possible to locate any resolutions on the same topic that have been considered in the past and what the response has been. Endorsed resolutions are part of the advocacy agenda and duplicates are not required.

8. Ensure that your own local government’s process for consideration, endorsement, and conveyance of resolutions to Lower Mainland LGA/UBCM is followed.

MODEL RESOLUTION

SHORT TITLE: _____

Local Government Name _____

WHEREAS _____
_____;

AND WHEREAS _____
_____;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that _____
_____.

(Note: A second resolve clause if it is absolutely required should start as follows:)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____
_____.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Story by email at sstory@lmlga.ca or by calling (604) 698-5753.



LOWER MAINLAND

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

TO: Mayor/Chair; Council/Board

FROM: Councillor Jason Lum, Lower Mainland LGA Past President

DATE: January 6, 2020

RE: 2020 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR LOWER MAINLAND LGA EXECUTIVE

Please include the following information on your next meeting agenda.

This circular is notice of the Lower Mainland LGA Executive positions open for nomination, the process and the procedures for nomination.

The deadline for receipt of your nomination is **Friday, March 12, 2020**. The Lower Mainland LGA Conference and AGM will be held from May 6-8, 2020 in Whistler.

The Lower Mainland LGA is the collective voice for local government in the Lower Mainland, including local governments in the Greater Vancouver Regional District, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and the Fraser Valley Regional District. The membership elects directors to the Executive during the Convention, and the Executive is charged with ensuring that policy direction set by the general membership is carried forward. The Executive also provides operational and policy direction to the Lower Mainland LGA between Conventions.

1. POSITIONS OPEN TO NOMINATIONS

The following positions are open for nomination:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Third Vice-President
- Directors at Large (3 positions)

2. NOMINATION PROCESS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

The candidate must be an elected official of a Lower Mainland LGA member. The candidate must be nominated by two elected officials of a Lower Mainland LGA local government member.

Background information regarding the primary responsibilities and commitments of a Lower Mainland LGA Executive member is available upon request.

A nomination and consent form are attached and should be used for all nominations.

The Chair of the 2020 Nominating Committee is Councillor Jason Lum, Lower Mainland LGA Past President.

3. NEXT STEPS

It is part of the duties of the Nominating Committee to review the credentials of each candidate. A Report on Nominations including, at the candidate's option, a photo and 200-word biography will be prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee and distributed in the Lower Mainland LGA Convention Newsletter, which is distributed via email before the conference and on-site at the conference. It is not the responsibility of the Lower Mainland LGA to edit applicant materials to make them suitable for print. If materials are not provided on time and print ready, the Lower Mainland LGA reserves the right not to include them in the newsletter.

To be included in the Convention Newsletter, send your current photo, biography and completed nomination form to:

sstory@lmlga.ca

**With subject line: Lower Mainland LGA Nomination Package – “applicant name”
Deadline: March 12, 2020**

4. FINAL COMMENTS

The nomination process does not change the process allowing candidates to be nominated off the floor at the Convention. That process remains in place. The process outlined above provides for those that are interested in seeking office to be directly nominated prior to the Convention.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

All other inquiries should be directed to:

Shannon Story, Executive Director of the Lower Mainland LGA
at sstory@lmlga.ca
PO Box 729
Pemberton, BC V0N 2L0
604 698-5753

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020 LOWER MAINLAND LGA EXECUTIVE

We are qualified under the Lower Mainland LGA Constitution to nominate¹ a candidate and we nominate:

Name of nominee: _____

Local government position (Mayor/Councillor/Director): _____

Local government represented: _____

Lower Mainland LGA Executive office nominated for: _____

Printed Name of nominator: _____ Printed Name of nominator: _____

Position: _____ Position: _____

Local Gov't: _____ Local Gov't: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

CONSENT FORM

I consent to this nomination and attest that I am qualified to be a candidate for the office I have been nominated to pursuant to the Lower Mainland LGA Constitution². I also agree to provide the following information to the Executive Director by March 12, 2020:

- 2"x3" Photo (high resolution)
- Biographical information. No more than 200 words in length.

Printed Name: _____

Running for (position): _____

Local Government: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

¹ Nominations require two elected officials of members of the Association.

² All nominees of the Executive shall be elected representatives of a member of the Association.

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